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The current definition of religious employer does not provide true conscience protection for those committed to preserving life. Health care plans should not be forced to violate the moral and religious convictions of providers or employees in order to participate in the health care system. Requiring such an unacceptable demand threatens both universal access to health care and religious freedom of conscience. This is a critically important issue and has ramifications that could lead to vast and unintended consequences, including significant disruption to our current health care system by causing Catholic institutions to cease providing health care, education, and charitable services to the general public. Please take action now to use language that ensures true conscience protection for all.

Sincerely,

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